

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, observing Alcohol Awareness Month provides all Iowa citizens an opportunity to increase their awareness of the negative impacts of the abuse of alcohol and to demonstrate their commitment to the Healthiest State Initiative for improving health and happiness; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related issues, including underage drinking, binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, impaired driving, and alcoholism, can and do pose a significant challenge to all Iowa communities and has the capacity to negatively affect the lives of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is preventable and treatment is available and all youth and adults at risk for alcohol abuse, in need of treatment or in recovery, deserve to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, combating underage alcohol consumption by implementing programs that work to eliminate risk factors and strengthen protective factors allow youth to make educated decisions towards choosing alcohol-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, communities and organizations across Iowa are joining together to declare their support for healthy lifestyles free of alcohol abuse including members from the law enforcement, health, business, government and education communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2013 as

## **Alcohol Awareness Month**

ATTEST:

MATT SCHULTZ SECRETARY OF STATE IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN

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